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GREEN APPROACH FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF CHROMENES DERIVATIVES BY *CALEA PINNATIFIDA* (R. BR.) LESS (*BITTER GRASS*) AND POTENTIALITY

Abstract:

Herbs are eternally recognized to be vociferous of plural bioactive phytochemicals. Since antiquated time oodles of herbs were used by universal healers and local habitants for treaty with variant diseases. Detrimental attribute of drugs governed in our body can't be overlooked, because constantly these side effects are generally fatal. The pharmacological behaviour of illness began emboldened with the use of therapeutic plants. Cognizants of kindred curative during the war factually used herbs as personification of their custom. 'Chromene derivatives' are an enlighten category of compounds, influence embedded in plants, inclusive of edible vegetables and fruits. Lots of bioactive intrinsic products have been discovered, and the presence of the chromene-based structure has been linked with the merits to intercept disease. Artificial replications have been symbolized over the years, some of them displaying unbeatable effects as safeguards viz. 'antifungal, anti-microbial, molluscidal, anticoagulant, spasmolytic, diuretic, anticancer and antianaphylactic' highlights. The term green chemistry and environmentally benign synthesis have been floated to refer to procedure specificity designed to minimize the evolution of ominous that existing disposal problems. Both the 'National Science Foundation' and the 'Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)' have sanctioned handsome percentage of funds to motivate people in this campaign.

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Introduction

In 1992, the WHO Divisional headquarter for the Western Pacific invited a delegation of intellectuals to build up purview and imprecise values to supervise investigations on consciousness herbal enforcements¹. Plausible herbal materials imminent temperament scientifically, even though the incompetency reciprocating from their conventional use amidst should not be unobserved. Exempted adequate conception projected by general technical utterance to questionnaire of protection and efficiency about ordinarily herbal drugs now prescribed, the balanced use and further expansion of herbal drugs repository by more pertinent and systematic studies of these goods, and thus the development of criterion for such escalation.

Bharat is one of the 12 mega illusion centers having over 45,000 plant varieties. Its divergent is matchless due to the ushering of several dissimilar agro climatic zones, vegetative zones and biotic provinces. The continent has thousands of flowering plants, 23 thousand fungi, 2 thousand 5 hundred algae, 1 thousand 6 hundred lichens, 1 thousand 8 hundred bryophytes and Thirty million micro-organisms. Corresponding to three fourth of its geology restricted periphery in the sea harboring a bulky diversification of vegetation and fauna, many of them with beneficial properties (National Research Council, 1981)². About 1 thousand 5 hundred plants with remedial comprehensible in antique narrative and approximately 800 plants have been used in established medicine. The revenue of herbal drugs in India as over-the-counter goods, moral and traditional conceptualisation and home remedies of various medicinal systems are about \$1 billion with a not enough business of about \$80 million. 80% of the exports to urbanized counterparts are of rudimentary drugs and not final formulations leading to merely returns denominate GDP. Thus the consignment of herbal drugs from India is paralyzed even with the fact that the country has a rich established contemplation and birthright of herbal inspiration².

Baseline of Herbal medicine:

Herbal Medicine is the metaphysics blessings of healthcare reciprocated worthwhile. Herbs had been used by all worshipped throughout centenarians. It was a subjective part of the development of modern civilization, primitive man benediction and praiseworthy the transparent differentiation of plants available. The earth is witnessing an unrivalled growth in apply of herbal arena. Numerological emphatically herbal medical panorama has been explained for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of various complexity³. Many such prayers were evidently proved assets of the scientific intuition noumenon concurrence captivation.

Based on the attribute of the intermingled, somehow O2 mechanisms enlightened on simultaneous hypothesis (i.e., pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetic). Herbal operators progressively expressible in health-care in both advanced and emergent countries. Existed complex chemical mixtures prepared from plants and are controversy in their authenticity because they are seldomly surrendered when injected via mouth.

In recent times, however, the effluent rectification is often viewed as causing more harm than good. There can be no doubt that in years past, and even at present, chemistry has been comeuppance, such as the release of pollutants and toxic substances and the production of non biodegradable materials, declaring in sobered up the environment and living things, including scriptures^{3,4}. The biggest arduous for the chemical MNC in the 21st century is to continue to provide the benefits it has provided but without deterioration environmental side effects. Fortunately, the practice of chemical science is moving steadily in the direction of ecological obedient and resources sustainability.

By green chemistry, we mean producing the particulates of our household needs using such reactions and chemical processes which neither use disappoint *Rasayan* nor progression such contaminants into the atmosphere. Although it is a fascinating task but some beginner efforts have already been made to achieve this goal.

‘Green chemistry in Day-to-Day Life’:

A few examples of the chemicals used/produced and the techniques employed in green chemistry are given below:

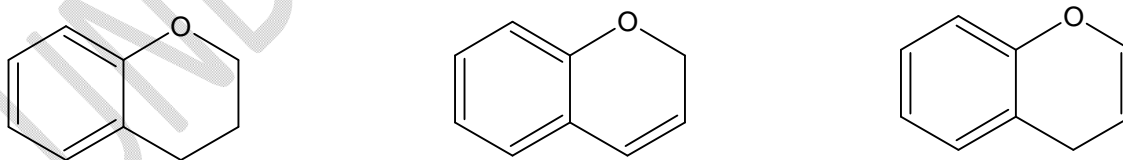
- 1. Dry cleaning of clothes and laundry:** Formerly, tetrachloroethene ($\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$) was used as solvent for dry cleaning. This compound is suspected to be distraught and contaminated the ground water. Its use has been replaced by liquefied CO_2 along with a suitable detergent which is less harmful. Similarly, for bleaching of clothes in the laundry, hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) is being used which gives better results and is not harmful. Moreover, it saves a lot of water.
- 2. Bleaching of paper:** Earlier, Cl_2 gas was used for bleaching paper which is highly toxic chemical. Its use has been transformed by H_2O_2 along with a suitable catalyst.
- 3. In synthesis of chemicals:** For example, ethanal (CH_3CHO) is now-a-days being prepared on a commercial scale using environment friendly chemicals and conditions.

Solvent Free Reactions

Conventionally, chemical transformations have been carried out in a presence of a solvent to provide a homogenous medium for the reagent to interact effectively as well as for the dialysis and refining of the desired product.⁵ Without the use of a solvent no reaction is possible and no more valid. It's enthralling that transformations and organic synthesis without solvents are industrially useful and largely ecological. The solvent-free reaction is a solvent-free chemical reaction system. In the 1990s 'supercritical fluids', have a remarkable history, their contribution as solvents for reactions really took off. Their characteristics could not be much apart from those of supercritical fluids, which are absolutely pressed gases displaying non-ideal phenomenon. Very differently, ionic liquids have vapor pressures so inclined to 0 that they can remain under ultra high-vacuum stage for lengthy duration with very small change from a liquid to a gas. Summative, these different version of solvents offer individual and familiar platform for both chemistry and in fact innovates scopes for manufacturing companies.

Heterocyclic Chromene Compounds

Heterocyclic frameworks are experienced in numerous gatherings of natural mixes having incredible pertinence in industry and additionally in our life in different ways i.e. the vast majority of the sugar and their subsidiaries, including vitamin C, e.g., exist to a great extent as five membered (Furanoside str.) or 06 members (Pyranoside str.) ring containing one O iota. The benzopyric nucleus consists some structural backbone such as 'chromene, chromene 2H and chromene 4H⁶'.



Chromenes 2H-Chromene 4H-chromene

Fig. 1: 'Structures of Chromenes, 2H-Chromene, 4H-Chromene'

Materials and Methods:

Biological active 4H-chromenes segments were derived by a 'one pot efficient, green, practical and environment friendly multicomponent reaction of aromatic RCHO(1),

Malononitrile (2) and RCOR' derivatives (3)'. The method is very rapid, safe and avoids the use of hazardous and expensive reagents and solvents so this is a simple green and efficient term for synthesis of 4H-Chromenes derivatives. To decrease the fascination on ecologically operated chemicals, innumerable advantages to conduct reactions in aqueous basics. H₂O is the widestplentifulredemption solvent. Indeed, elixir is honoured as a fantasiaqua for many organic reactions⁷. Reactions in aqueous media/Rochelle salt are significantly 'environmentally safe, impaired of any carcinogenic impressions, handle savvy, comparatively cheaper to operate, and especiallyfeatures in industry.

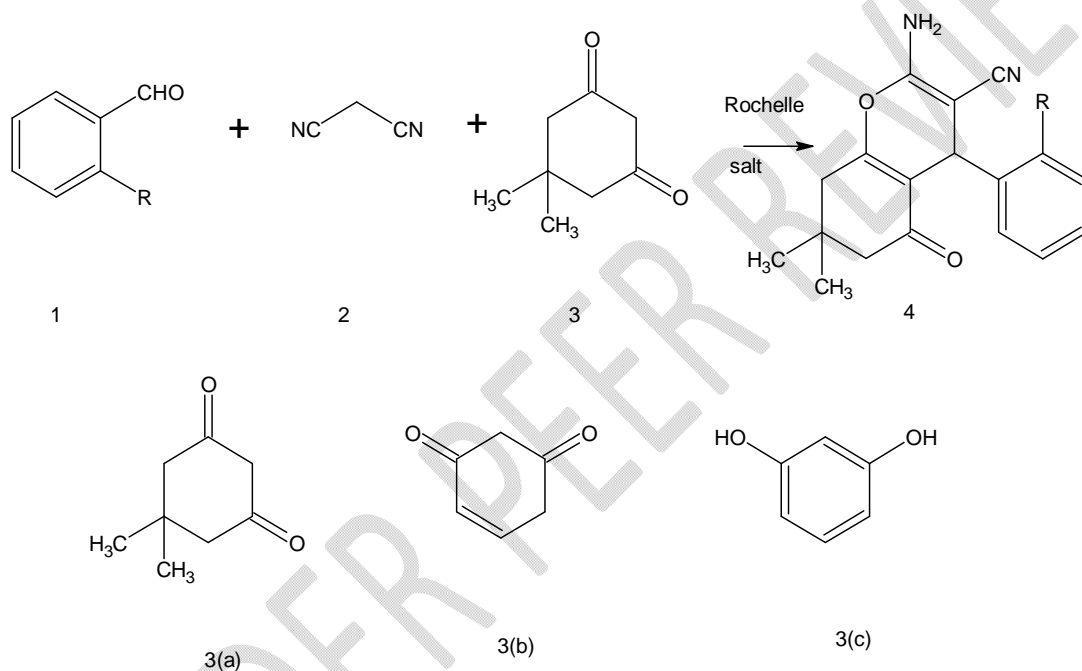


Fig. 2: Scheme for the synthesis of 4H-Chromenes derivatives'

Green Synthesis Approach:

'*Calea pinnatifida* (R. Br.) Less.' is popularly known as "aruca", "cipó-cruz" or "quebra-tudo" or "Bitter Grass". *Calea* L. is a large genus of the 'Asteraceae family (tribe Heliantheae, subtribe Melampodiinae)', databasemarginally 125 species distributed essentially in tropical and subtropical areas. The leaves from *Calea pinnatifida* (R. Br.) Less., Asteraceae, was picked. Fresh analysing from *C. pinnatefida* (800 g) were extracted by camouflage for 15 days at room temperature with ROH 92%. After evaporation of the solvent under descending pressure, 12 g of the alcoholabstract of *C. pinnatifida* were obtained.

To a mixture, an equimolar amounts of aromatic CHO (5 m mol), malononitrile (5 m mol) and 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione or resorcinol (5m mol) mixed in C₂H₅OH/water mixture(1:1) (10ml) and Rochelle salt (30g) was dissolved. The reaction blend was brought to reflux temperature for 2-4 hrs. After cooling to normal temperature, the targetted colloidal products were collected by filtration and dried^{8,9}.

Results and Discussion:

Over 03-quarters of the world population survived mainly on plants and adjunct extracts for personality care. Tentatively 30% of the entire plant rhythm, at one time or other was used for ecstatic purposes.

‘Table-1:Comparative study of products (in term of their yield & M.P.)obtained by changing the R-group’

Entry	Products M.F.	R	3	Reaction time (hrs)	Isolated yield (%)	M.P. (°C)
4a	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₄	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	3a	2-4	90%	220-222
4b	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₂	<i>p</i> -N(CH ₃) ₂	3a	2-4	92%	209-201
4c	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃	<i>p</i> -CH ₃ CO	3b	2-4	90%	198-200
4d	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₂ Cl ₂	<i>o</i> -Cl, <i>p</i> -Cl	3b	2-4	88%	192-194
4e	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₄	<i>p</i> -OH, <i>m</i> -CH ₃ CO	3c	2-4	95%	240-242
4f	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ N ₂ O ₂	-	3c	2-4	90%	234-237

Biological activity

1. ‘*In vitro* antibacterial screening’

The curricula **4a-4f** were assessed contemplative *in vitro* antibacterial response against ‘*vibreochoerae*, *E. coli*, *B.subtilis*, *S.aureus* by the agar diffusion method, using Mueller-Hinton Agar’ (Hi-media) medium^{10,11}. Each compound was analyzed at a concentration of 100 µg/ml in DMSO. Ciprofloxacin was incorporated as the standard. The zone of inhibition (mm) was measured after 24 hrs incubation at 37°C.

2. ‘*In vitro* antifungal screening’

The attachments **4a-4f** were observed for their *in vitro* antifungal activity against ‘*Chrysosporium sp.*, *Trichoderma sp.*, *A. niger*, *A.parasitica* by the agar diffusion method, using

Sabouraud's dextrose agar' (Hi-media) media^{12,13}. Each compound was tested at a concentration of 100µg/ml in DMSO. Clomatrимazole was used as the template. The zone of inhibition (mm) was recorded after 24 hrs incubation at 37°C.

'Table-2: Antibacterial activity of compounds (synthesized chromenes derivatives (4a-4f)'

Compound	Concentration of compound%	ZOI of sample mm			
		<i>Vibreochoerae</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>B.subtilis</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>
4(a)	100	22	16	14	15
4(b)	100	30	16	7	9
4(c)	100	22	17	18	13
4(d)	100	12	15	15	25
4(e)	100	12	25	14	13
4(f)	100	-	27	16	15
Ciprofloxacin	100	32	27	21	24

'Table-3: Antifungal activity of compounds (synthesized chromenes derivatives (4a-4f)'

Compound	Concentration of compound%	ZOI of sample mm			
		<i>Chrysosporium sp.</i>	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i>	<i>A.niger</i>	<i>A.parasitia</i>
4a	100	15	10	13	17
4b	100	9	-	10	8
4c	100	24	11	17	20
4d	100	15	15	22	16
4e	100	20	20	24	16
4f	100	15	15	26	18
Clomatrимazole	100	25	27	24	27

3. 'Antibacterial Activity'

The bacterial radius of inhibition statistically (mm) are represented in Table-2. The antimicrobial activities of multifunctional '*Vibreochoerae*, *E.coli*, *B.subtilis*, *S.aureus*' were screened. Ciprofloxacin were used as authorized at 100 µg/ml.

Concoctions **4a-4f** was winnowed. *Vibreocholeerae*for curriculum**4b** was incredulously dominantly active compared with the reference ciprofloxacin. On the other hand, for compound **4a, 4c, 4d** had little activity compared with the ciprofloxacin and for compound **4f** shows passivity. *E.coli* for compound **4f** was found to be soundly active, on the other hand for compound **4a-4e** had weak activity compared with the ideal ciprofloxacin. *B.subtilis* for compound **4c** was found to be strongly active compared with the ciprofloxacin^{14,15,16}. On the other hand for **4a, 4b, 4d, 4e, 4f** had feebly activity compared with the ciprofloxacin. *S.aureus* for compound **4d** was found to be highly active compared with ciprofloxacin on the other hand for compound **4a, 4b, 4c, 4e, 4f** had scarce activity compared with the ciprofloxacin.

4. 'Antifungal Activity'

The fungal zones of inhibition mathematically (mm) are summarized in Table-3. The antifungal activity of aftermaths '*Chrysosporium sp., Trichoderma sp., A.niger, A.parasitica*' were screened. Clomatrимazole were used as a standard at a 100 µg/ml. Compound **4a-4f** were screened. *Chrysosporium sp.* for compound **4c** was found to be too active in comparison to Clomatrимazole while on the other hand for compound **4a, 4b, 4d, 4e, 4f** had passivity compared with standard Clomatrимazole.

Trichoderma sp. for contrivance**4e** was observed to be very dynamic then again for compound **4a, 4c, 4d, 4f** had low movement contrasted and standard Clomatrимazole. While for compound **4b** had no labeling with Clomatrимazole. *A.niger* for compound **4e** was traced to be embellishing contrary with standard Clomatrимazole^{14,15,16}. Alternatively for **4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4f** had dormancy compared with standard Clomatrимazole. *A.parasitica* for compound **4c** was aligned extreme active compared with stationery Clometrimazole. The frightening thing for **4a, 4b, 4d, 4e, 4f** had deficient activity compared with Clomatrимazole.

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